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Wyoming Environmental Quality Council
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Terri A. Lorenzon, Director
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Dear Mr. Gordon:

I am a 27 year resident of Campbell County and currently work at Yates Petroleum Corporation as a Regulatory Technician.

As I understand Chapter 2 of the Wyoming Water Quality Rules and Regulations, CBM discharges would be almost entirely eliminated in Wyoming. You will be restricting the CBM industry far more than city water requirements for Barium. There is a huge gap in your requirements.

If you allow this rule to take affect, you will be doing more harm than good to the state of Wyoming. Many employers would be forced to end their production in Wyoming if this rule were to pass. It also seems that when the federal government leased the minerals, they expected them to be produced. What happens to those lease payments if we are unable to produce – are the companies going to be continually penalized for NOT producing???

There is also a larger picture here – the State of Wyoming economics. The methane industry pays enormous taxes to the state and the county. Our tax base helps our schools keep up-to-date classrooms and quality teachers – not only in Campbell County, but all counties.

Campbell County is in the process of adding a much-needed addition to our regional hospital and ground-breaking for a new multi-event center is in process. However, if the methane industry leaves, so will much of the population.

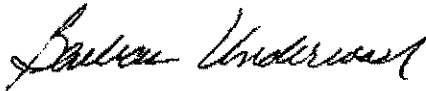
Of course, I am also concerned about my own employment. I have worked in Campbell County for 27 years and plan to retire in the near future. But if my employer

leaves Gillette, I would need to compete for non-existent jobs with the majority of residents here.

A bigger concern is the young people. They have many years to work and they have young children they need to care for, to feed, cloth and educate.

Allowing this rule to take affect would bring hard times in Wyoming and I respectfully request that you deny this rule.

Sincerely,



Barbara Underwood